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YOU CLAIM NOT TO WORK FOR LOTUSLAND'S FORMER MANAGE-MENT --
-- BUT YOU ARE TRYING TO STOP MY TAKEOVER OF THIS ENTERTAINMENT CONGLOMERATE, AND THAT MAKES YOU AN ENEMY --
-- AND A CORPSE!
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RACE YOU TO THE GRAVE-YARD, DRACO!
OOPS! YOU WIN!
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-- AND HIS THUGS KILLED A KID I WAS PROTECTING.
SO MUCH FOR QUITTING.
DON'T WAIT FOR ME, DRACO!
WHAT POWER!
WHAT USE I COULD MAKE OF SUCH POWER!
HAARRH!
I WILL SOON OWN THIS CITY... THIS ENTIRE SO-CALLED NATION!
WORK FOR ME AND YOU'LL NEVER LACK FOR ANYTHING.

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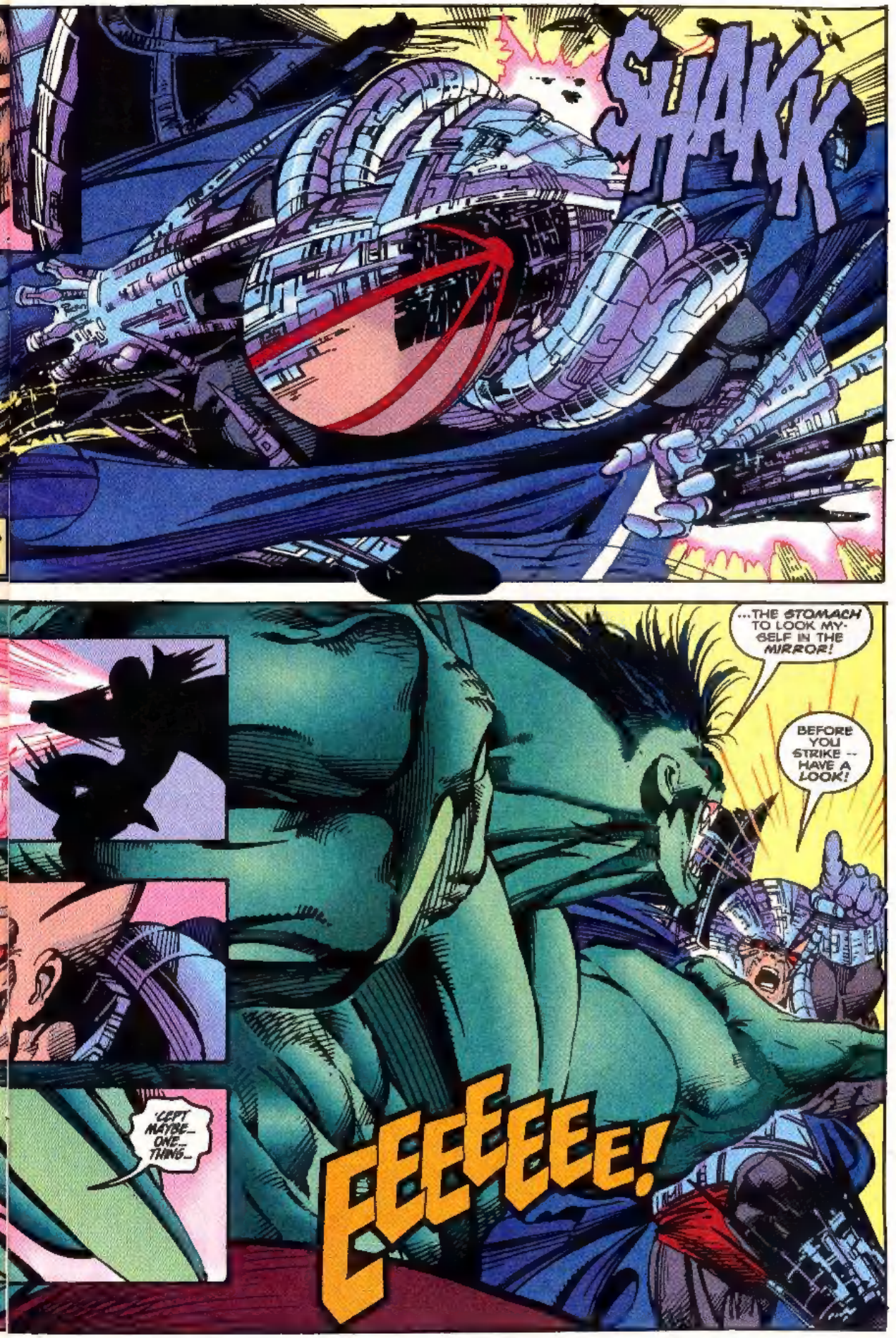
BEFORE YOU STRIKE -- HAVE A LOOK!
LEFT HAND-- OUT THING--
EEEEEEE!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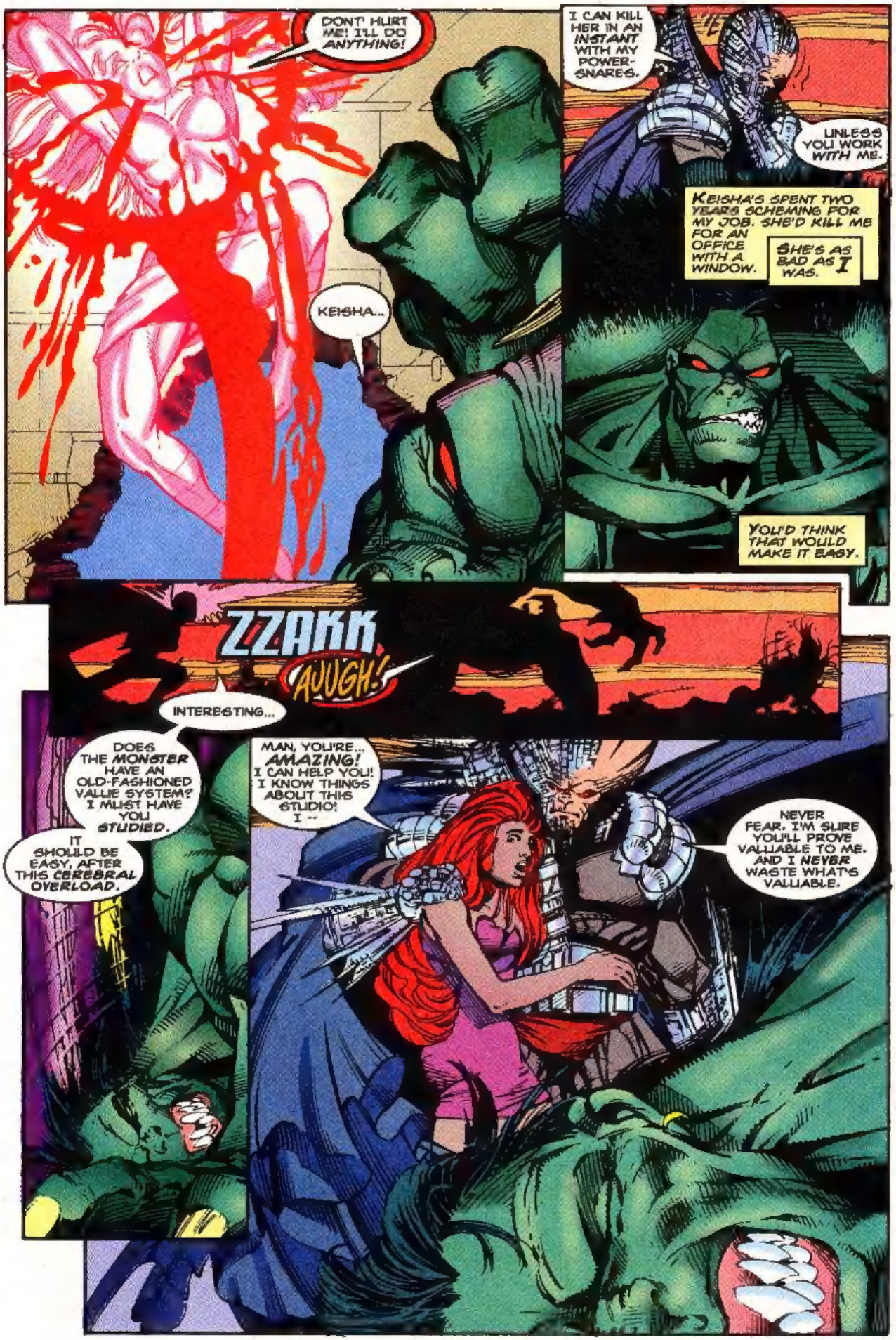
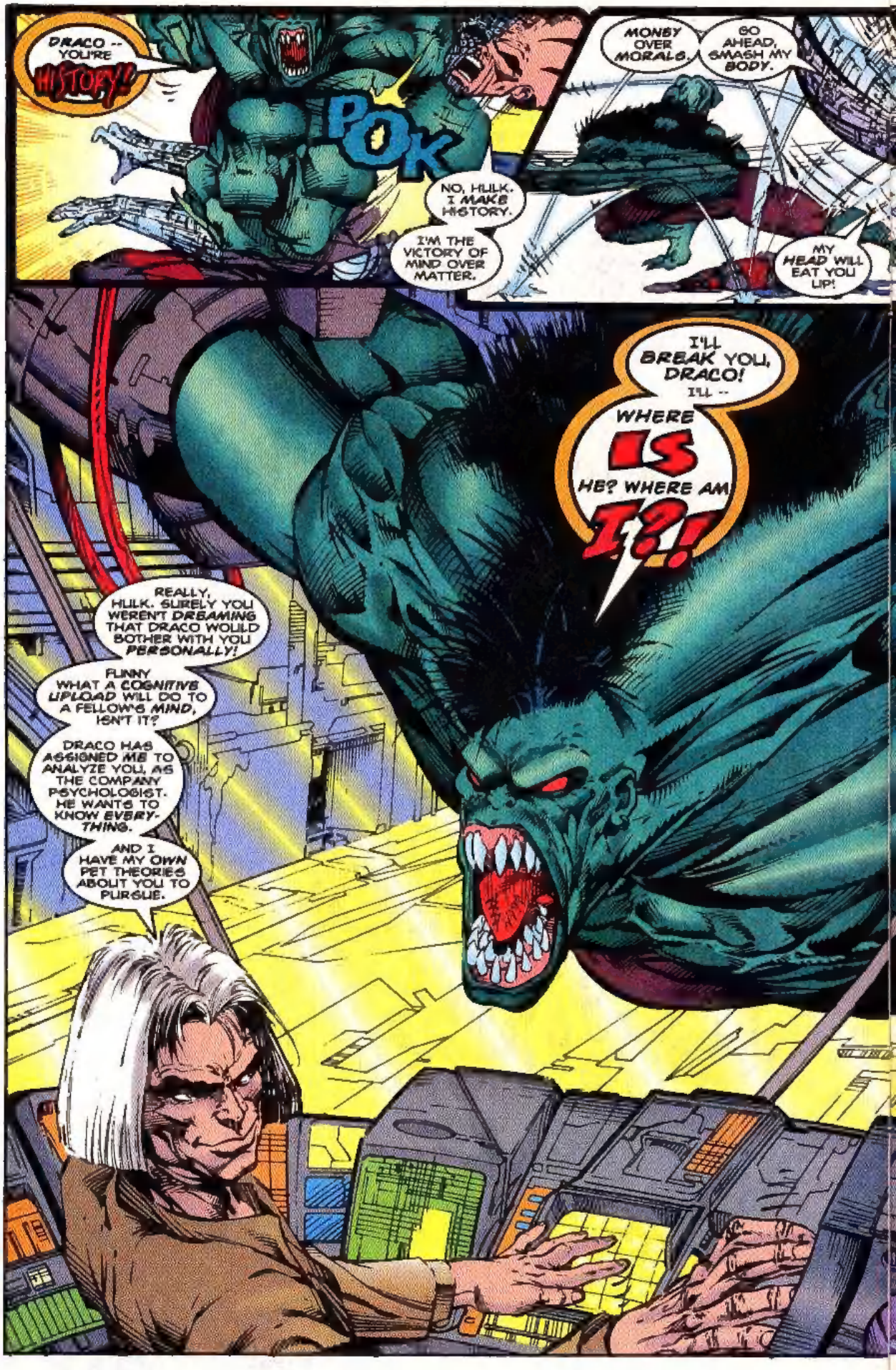

DON'T HURT ME! I'LL DO ANYTHING!
KEISHA..
I CAN KILL HER IN AN INSTANT WITH MY POWER-SNARES.
UNLESS YOU WORK WITH ME.
KEISHA'S SPENT TWO YEARS SCHEMING FOR MY JOB. SHE'D KILL ME FOR AN OFFICE WITH A WINDOW.
SHE'S AS BAD AS I WAS.
YOU'D THINK THAT WOULD MAKE IT EASY.
ZZAKK
AUUGH!
INTERESTING...
DOES THE MONSTER HAVE AN OLD-FASHIONED VALUE SYSTEM? I MUST HAVE YOU STUDIED.
IT SHOULD BE EASY, AFTER THIS CEREBRAL OVERLOAD.
MAN, YOU'RE... AMAZING! I CAN HELP YOU! I KNOW THINGS ABOUT THIS STUDIO! I --
NEVER FEAR. I'M SURE YOU'LL PROVE VALUABLE TO ME. AND I NEVER WASTE WHAT'S VALUABLE.

WHAT ARE YOU CYBERTRASH DOING WITH ME?!
WE ALL KNOW THE MUSICORPS PUT ME ON THEIR CHILL LIST FOR CUTTING SUBVERSIVE SONGS -- ABOUT HOW BIG MONEY BUYS AND SELLS THE TRUTH!
SO WHY NOT JUST KILL ME NOW?! IT'D BE MORE MERCIFUL THAN MAKING ME TOUR L.A.!
AND WAY MORE THAN BEING DUMPED IN THE KING OF ALL DE-BONED, DE-FANGED, DE-CAFFEINATED AND DE-CEASED MAINSTREAM MUSIC FACTORIES! BLEECHcem
I COULDA BEEN OUT OF THIS TOWN -- EXCEPT HULKIE SAID, "DON'T WORRY QUIRK, I'LL PROTECT YOU!"
THEN HE DECIDES TO PLAY NATURE BOY AND HEAD FOR THE DESERT! SHOULDA STUCK TO WHAT I GREW UP TELLIN' MYSELF --
--DON'T TRUST NOBODY
YYYYY!
BUMP
UMF
NICE FLOORS HERE. AS SOFT AS THE POLITICS OF THEIR MUSIC.
ENOUGH TALK! YOU'RE THE LAST OF THE CULTURAL SABOTEURS WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!
IT'S TIME TO MARCH!
"CULTURAL SABOTEURS"?! THAT ANYTHING LIKE AN ARTIST?!
SHUT UP AND MOVE, MEAT!

OKAY, THAT CUT IT! NOBODY CALLS ME --
FSSSSSSSSSSSSS
YEEEEEEE
CHAKX
OH NO! IT FINALLY HAPPENED!
THE MUSIC BUSINESS DROVE ME INSANE!
CHAKX
CHAKX
4K
BY THE SPIRITS OF THE FOREST WE DECLARE YOU --
-- WARRIORS OF THE HUMAN TRIBE!
WELL, IT'S GOTTA BE BETTER THAN MUSAC!
I THINK.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POK
NO, HULK. I MAKE HISTORY.
I'M THE VICTORY OF MIND OVER MATTER.
MONEY OVER MORALS.
GO AHEAD, SMASH MY BODY.
MY HEAD WILL EAT YOU UP!
I'LL BREAK YOU, DRACO! I'LL --
WHERE IS HE? WHERE AM I?!
REALLY, HULK. SURELY YOU WEREN'T DREAMING THAT DRACO WOULD BOTHER WITH YOU PERSONALLY!
FUNNY WHAT A COGNITIVE UPLOAD WILL DO TO A FELLOW'S MIND, ISN'T IT?
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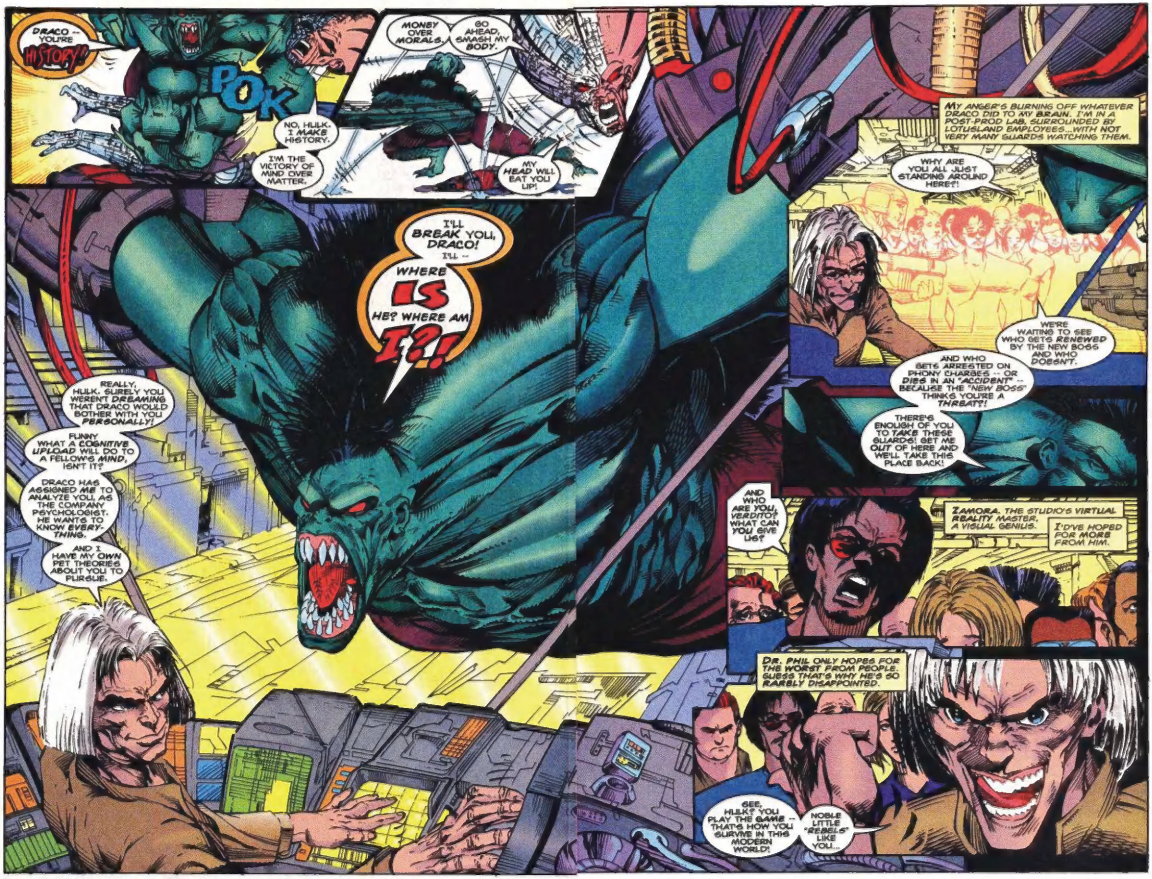
AND I HAVE MY OWN PET THEORIES ABOUT YOU TO PURSUE.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WHY ARE YOU ALL JUST STANDING AROUND HERE?!
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AND WHO GETS ARRESTED ON PHONY CHARGES -- OR DIES IN AN "ACCIDENT" -- BECAUSE THE "NEW BOSS" THINKS YOU'RE A THREAT!
THERE'S ENOUGH OF YOU TO TAKE THESE GUARDS! GET ME OUT OF HERE AND WE'LL TAKE THIS PLACE BACK!
AND WHO ARE YOU, VERDITO! WHAT CAN YOU GIVE US?
ZAMORA, THE STUDIO'S VIRTUAL REALITY MASTER, A VISUAL GENIUS.
I'D'VE HOPED FOR MORE FROM HIM.
DR. PHIL ONLY HOPES FOR THE WORST FROM PEOPLE. I GUESS THAT'S WHY HE'S SO RARELY DISAPPOINTED.
SEE, HULK? YOU PLAY THE GAME -- THAT'S HOW YOU SURVIVE IN THIS MODERN WORLD!
NOBLE LITTLE "ANIMALS" LIKE YOU...

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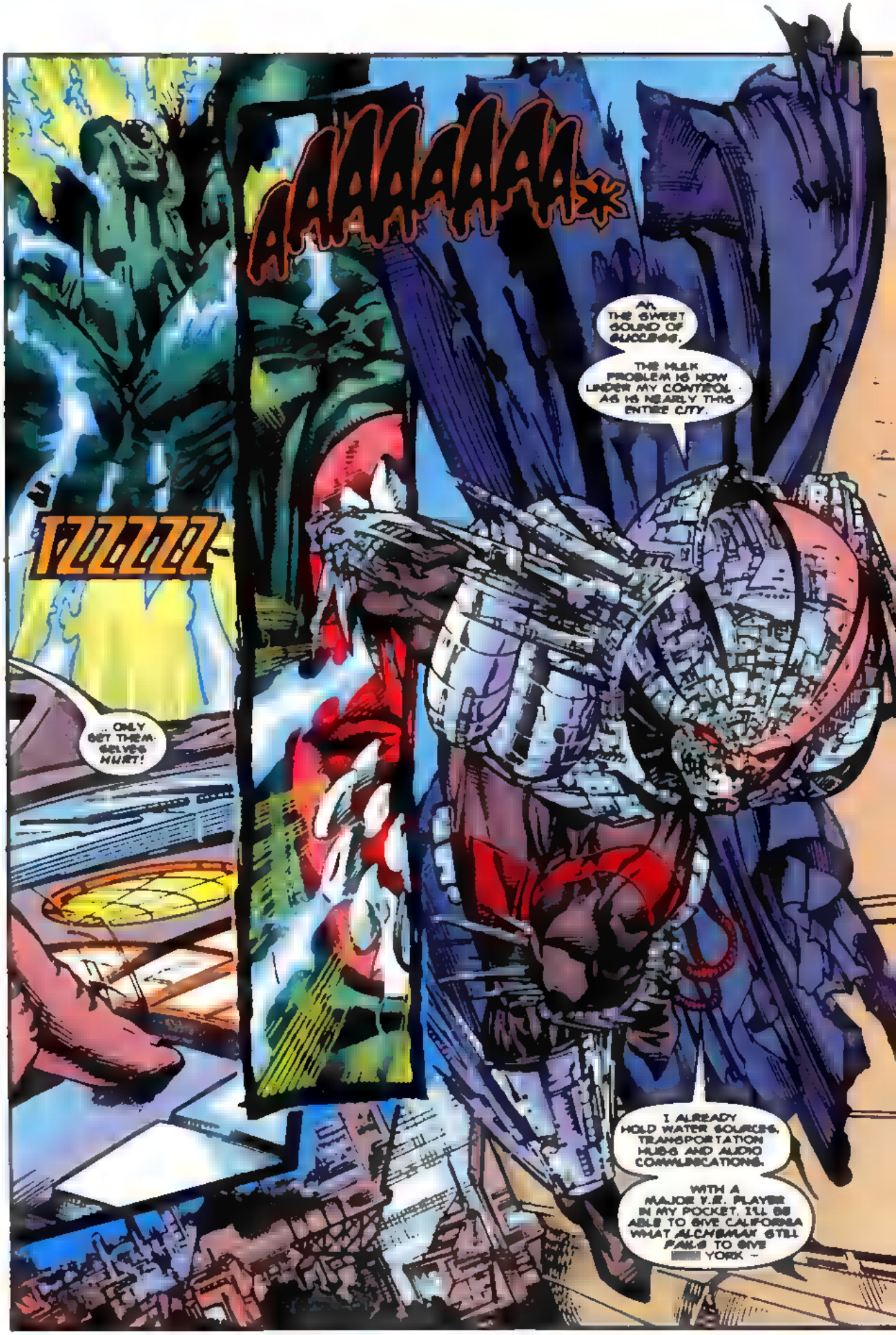
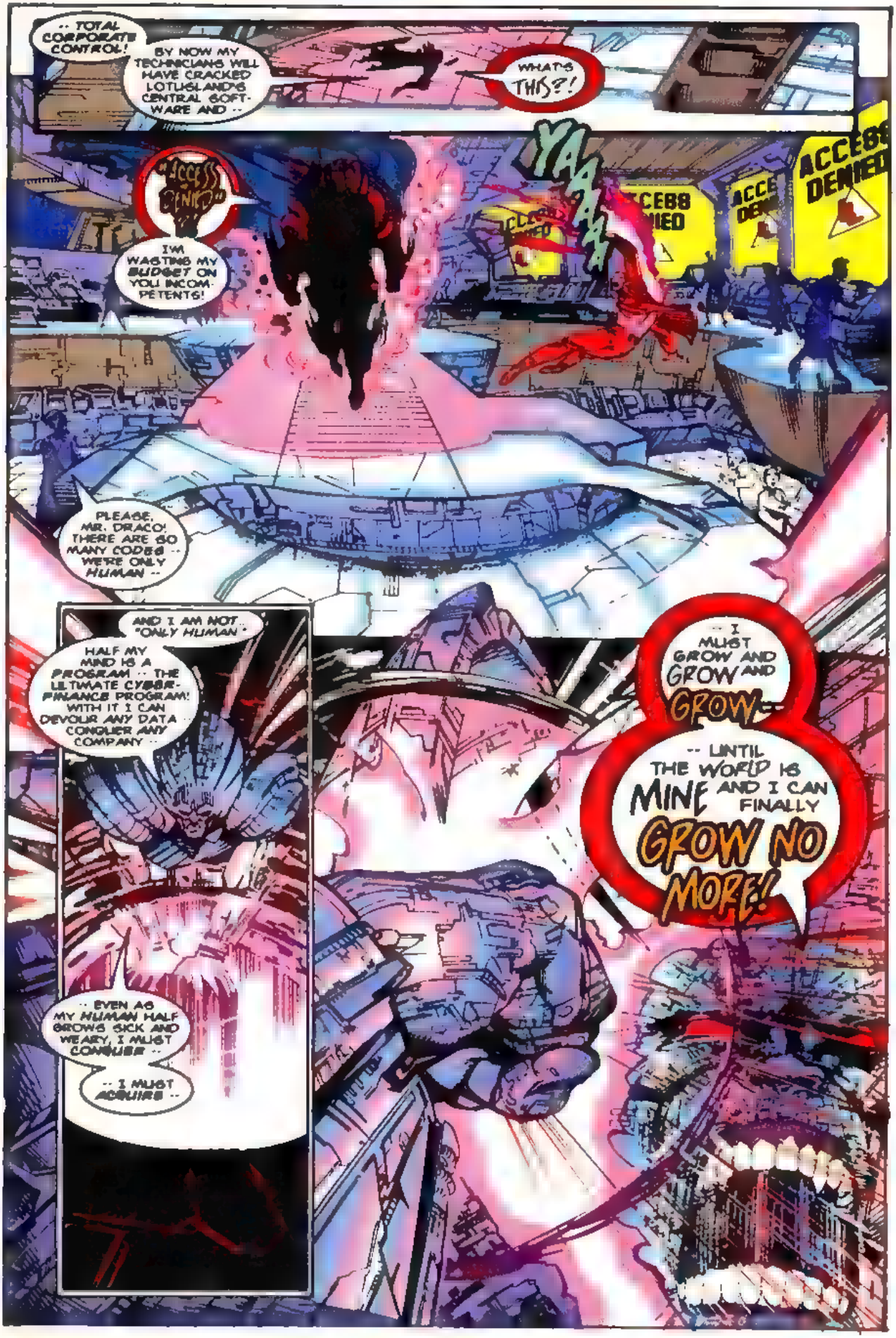
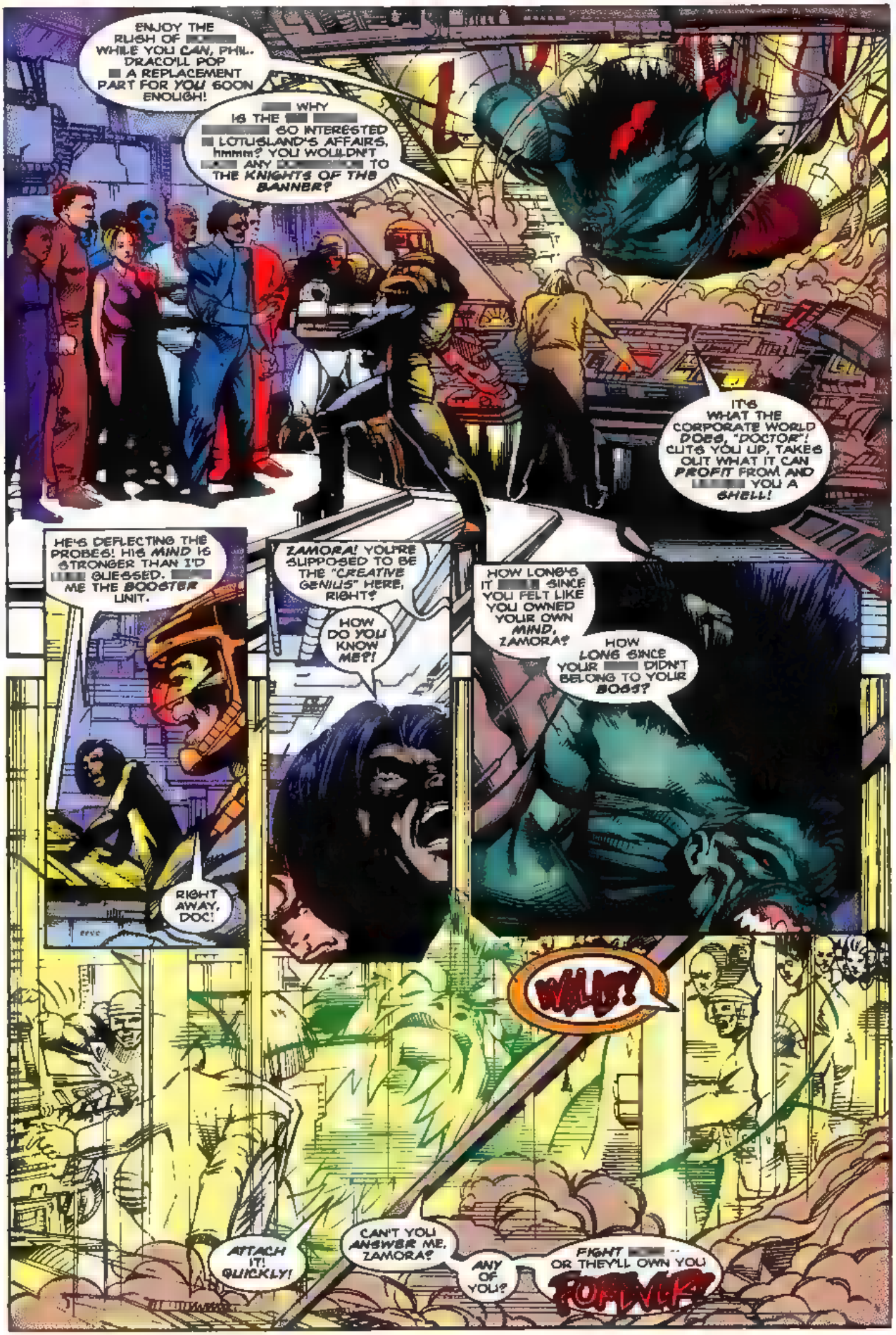

AAAAAAAAA*
AH, THE SWEET SOUND OF SUCCESS.
THE HULK PROBLEM IS NOW UNDER MY CONTROL AS IS NEARLY THIS ENTIRE CITY.
ZZZZZZ-
...ONLY GET THEMSELVES HURT!
I ALREADY HOLD WATER SOURCES, TRANSPORTATION HUBS AND AUDIO COMMUNICATIONS.
WITH A MAJOR V.E. PLAYER IN MY POCKET, I'LL BE ABLE TO GIVE CALIFORNIA WHAT ALCHEMAX STILL FAILS TO GIVE [redacted] YORK --

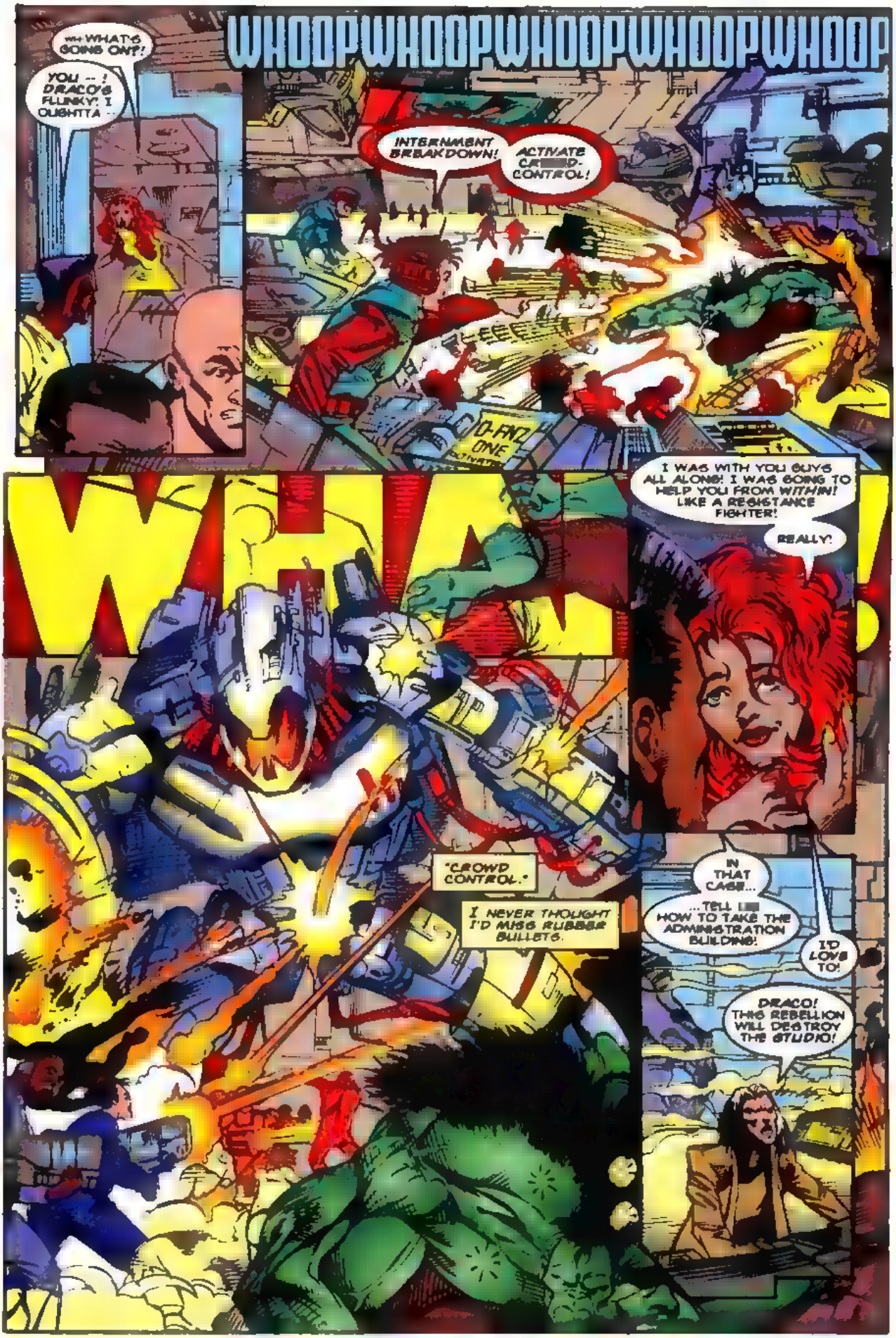

-- TOTAL CORPORATE CONTROL!
BY NOW MY TECHNICIANS WILL HAVE CRACKED LOTUSLAND'S CENTRAL SOFTWARE AND --
WHAT'S THIS?!
"ACCESS DENIED"
I'M WASTING MY BUDGET ON YOU INCOMPETENTS!
YAAAA
ACCESS DENIED
PLEASE, MR. DRACO! THERE ARE SO MANY CODES -- WE'RE ONLY HUMAN --
AND I AM NOT "ONLY HUMAN".
HALF MY MIND IS A PROGRAM -- THE ULTIMATE CYBER-FINANCE PROGRAM! WITH IT I CAN DEVOUR ANY DATA -- CONQUER ANY COMPANY --
-- EVEN AS MY HUMAN HALF GROWS SICK AND WEARY, I MUST CONQUER --
-- I MUST ACQUIRE --
-- I MUST GROW AND GROW AND GROW --
-- UNTIL THE WORLD IS MINE AND I CAN FINALLY GROW NO MORE!


ENJOY THE RUSH OF [redacted] WHILE YOU CAN, PHIL. DRACO'LL POP A REPLACEMENT PART FOR YOU SOON ENOUGH!
WHY IS THE [redacted] SO INTERESTED IN LOTUSLAND'S AFFAIRS, hmmm? YOU WOULDN'T [redacted] ANY [redacted] TO THE KNIGHTS OF THE BANNER?
IT'S WHAT THE CORPORATE WORLD DOES, "DOCTOR"! CUTS YOU UP, TAKES OUT WHAT IT CAN PROFIT FROM AND [redacted] YOU A SHELL!
HE'S DEFLECTING THE PROBES! HIS MIND IS STRONGER THAN I'D [redacted] GUESSED. [redacted] ME THE BOOSTER UNIT.
RIGHT AWAY, DOC!
ZAMORA! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE "CREATIVE GENIUS" HERE, RIGHT?
HOW DO YOU KNOW ME?!
HOW LONG'S IT [redacted] SINCE YOU FELT LIKE YOU OWNED YOUR OWN MIND, ZAMORA?
HOW LONG SINCE YOUR [redacted] DIDN'T BELONG TO YOUR BOSS?
WHUP!
ATTACH IT! QUICKLY!
CAN'T YOU ANSWER ME, ZAMORA?
ANY OF YOU?
FIGHT [redacted] .. OR THEY'LL OWN YOU FOREVER!

AND WHY SHOULD WE TAKE YOU FOR A LEADER, MONGTRO?
YEAH, I KNOW WHAT YOU EXPECT FROM A LEADER. SMOOTH, TAN AND SMILEY.
THAT'S THE LEADER THEY SELL YOU! TO KEEP YOU PLAYING THE GAME!
THE LEADER WHO GETS YOU OUT OF HERE IS GOING TO BE ANYTHING BUT! HE'S GONNA BE MEAN... GREEN... AND UGLY!
SMOOTH, TAN, AND
YEAH. LIKE THE POLITICOS WHO TRICKED MY PARENTS...
...SENT MY BROTHER OFF FOR SOME "RE-EDUCATION" THAT HE NEVER CAME BACK FROM!
HE'S RIGHT!
BUT WHAT ABOUT OUR JOBS?
WHAT ABOUT OUR LIFESTYLES?
JOBS? LIFESTYLES?
WHAT OF SOULS?
WHOOOM
THE BOOSTER!

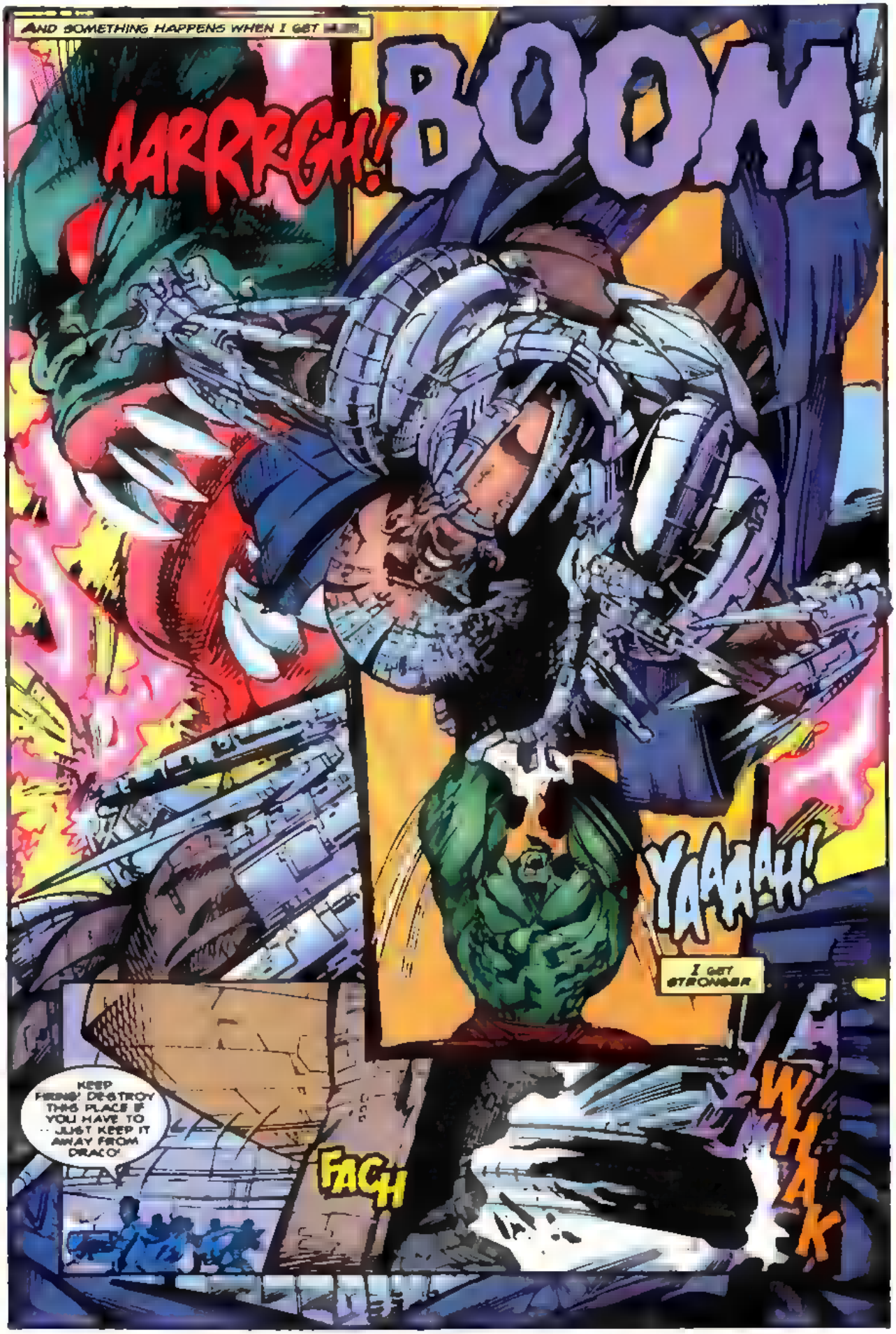
GET THEIR WEAPONS!
WHAT--?
POOM
NHK
BURN THEM! THIS ISN'T SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN!
I KNOW THEIR PSYCHOLOGICAL PROFILES!
THEIR GUNS! WE CAN'T...
KEEP FIGHTING!
THEY DON'T HAVE A CHANCE...
...WITHOUT SOME MUSCLE.
GET ME OUT OF THIS THING!

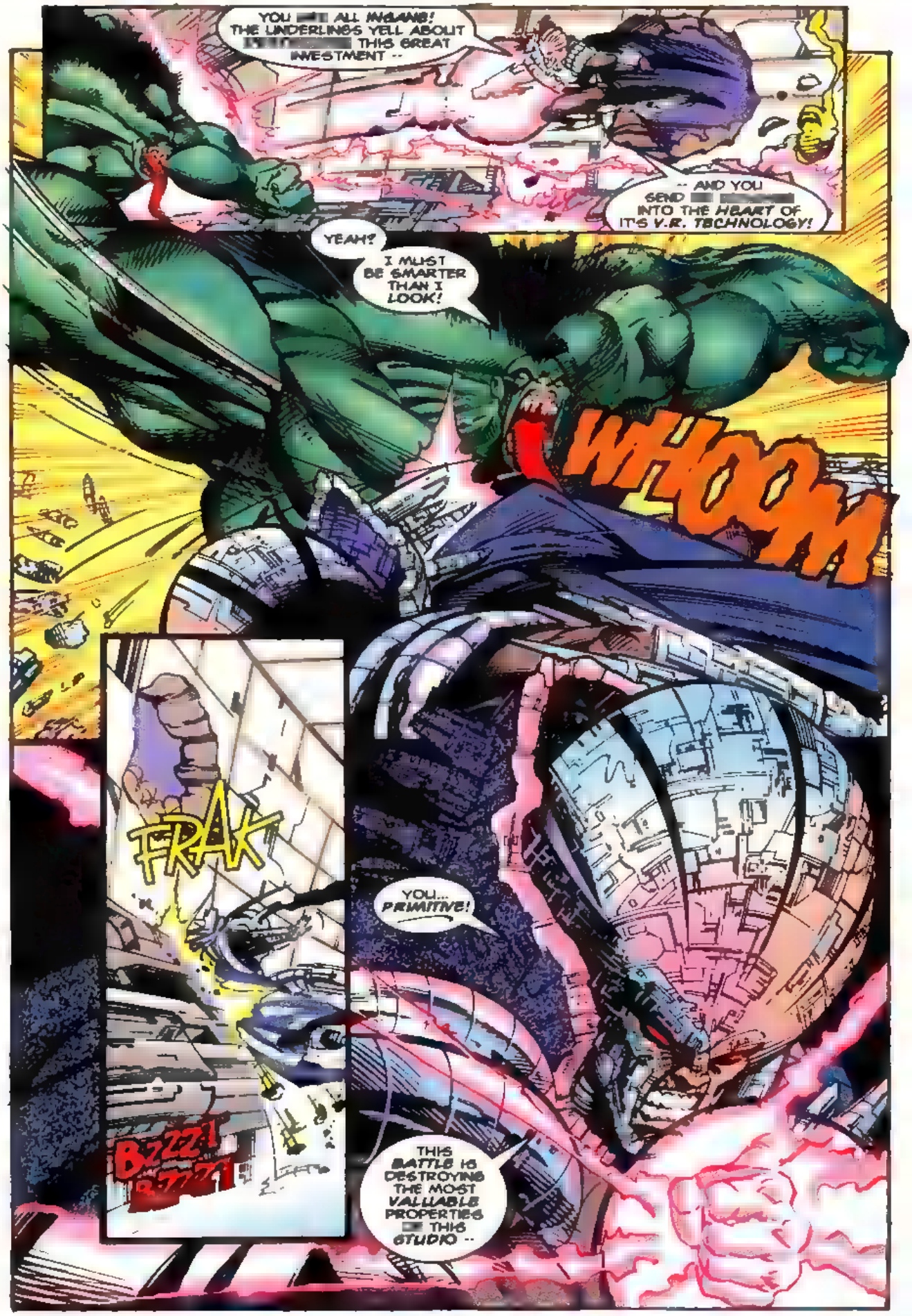
ZAMORA...
CAN'T... MOVE MY LEGS...
CAN'T... STAND...
BUT... I... CAN...
RRRRRIP
FALL
NO!
FRAKKA
BOOM
I GOTTA REMEMBER TO THANK THAT GUY.


WHOOPWHOOPWHOOPWHOOPWHOOP
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
YOU --! DRACO'S FLUNKY! I OUGHTTA --
INTERNMENT BREAKDOWN!
ACTIVATE CROWD-CONTROL!
D-FNT ONE
WHA
I WAS WITH YOU GUYS ALL ALONG! I WAS GOING TO HELP YOU FROM WITHIN! LIKE A RESISTANCE FIGHTER!
REALLY?
"CROWD CONTROL."
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D MISS RUBBER BULLETS.
IN THAT CASE...
...TELL [redacted] HOW TO TAKE THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING!
I'D LOVE TO!
DRACO! THIS REBELLION WILL DESTROY THE STUDIO!

NO. NOT MY STUDIO.
NOT MY INVESTMENT
BACK TO YOUR WORK-STATIONS. BACK TO YOUR WORK-STATIONS.
EASY TO SAY
FOR A FREAKIN' MACHINE!
BWOOM
IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T GOT IT YET, I DON'T LIKE MACHINES.
I ESPECIALLY DON'T LIKE MACHINES THAT TURN PEOPLE INTO INTER- PARTS
AND WHEN I MEET ONE

-- IT MAKES ME WANT TO BREAK SOMETHING!
RRRRAK
MY DROID!
MY MONEY!
YOU ARE A SAVAGE!
HOOM
SSHAZZAK
YOU DESTROY MY INVESTMENT -- WITH NO PURPOSE -- NO PROFIT --
HYAARGH!
-- ONLY YOUR WORTHLESS EMOTIONS!
FUNNY HE SHOULD MENTION EMOTIONS.
SEE, GETTING BLASTED WITH TWO MILLION VOLTS MAKES ME MAD...


AND SOMETHING HAPPENS WHEN I GET
AARRRGH!
BOOM
YAAAAH!
I GET STRONGER
KEEP FIRIN' DESTROY THIS PLACE IF YOU HAVE TO ... JUST KEEP IT AWAY FROM DRAC!
FAGH
WHAK


YOU [redacted] ALL INSANE! THE UNDERLINGS YELL ABOUT [redacted] THIS GREAT INVESTMENT --
-- AND YOU SEND [redacted] INTO THE HEART OF IT'S V.R. TECHNOLOGY!
YEAH? I MUST BE SMARTER THAN I LOOK!
WHOOM
FRAK
BZZZT
YOU... PRIMITIVE!
THIS BATTLE IS DESTROYING THE MOST VALUABLE PROPERTIES [redacted] THIS STUDIO --

--AND I NEVER WASTE WHAT IS VALUABLE!
SHAKK
GONE.
FOR A SECOND I WANT HIM BACK, SO I CAN GET MY HAND AROUND THAT EGG HE CALLS A HEAD... AND SQUEEZE.
THEN I SEE HIS GOONS SURRENDERING...
I SEE THE "UNDERLINGS" TAKING OVER THEIR OWN STUDIO.
ZAMORA!
I'M GOING TO GET YOU A DOCTOR, GUY. I WANT YOU HEALTHY --
-- TO BE PART OF THE NEW LOTUS-LAND!

BULLPEN BULLETINS

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi, True Believers!

I've something important to tell you! I don't know if you're ready for it, but I think it's better for you to learn it from me than to pick up the information from some kids on the street! So here goes ...

Here in sunny Los Angeles I've been 3,000 miles away from the mighty Marvel Bullpen for almost 15 years now! And y'know what? Even though it's a blast doing movies, TV and animation, I miss the excitement and the sheer, raw, matchless creative rush of working on comic books! So hang on, heroes, 'cause here comes my big announcement!

After consulting with our peerless prez, **Merry Terry Stewart**, and everybody's favorite editor-in-chief, **Tom DeFalco**, we decided it was time for me to get back into the ball game — time for me to play on the side of Marvel in the big leagues of comicdom again! Yep! You heard it right! From our halcyon headquarters here in California, I'm gonna start creating and producing a new line of comics for the hallowed House of Ideas — to go on sale sometime in '95!

Will the new mags be part of the magnificent Marvel Universe? Nope! The gang of geniuses in our batty bullpen are doing just great and don't need any help from me. Instead, I'll lay the foundation for creating a brand *new* universe — well, maybe not a whole universe, maybe just a planet or two, or even a single continent — or a country. A city? How about a neighborhood? A shopping mall? An apartment, perhaps? As you can tell, I'm just as modest and humble as ever!

Since I'll still be spearheading our show-biz ventures, I'll need help, of course, to get the new books started. Therefore, I've shanghaied one of Marvel's comic book commandos, Riotous **Rob Tokar**, from our New York editorial staff. Daredevil Rob is gonna brave the earthquakes, floods, fires and drive-by shootings here in L.A. just to make sure I don't blow the bit! And one of our Hollywood staffers, Meritorious **Mallory Liles**, is also coming along for the ride. That's it! Just us three Marvel-teers against the world!

In case you're bustin' to find out what we'll call our nutty new line of comics, here's a subtle hint. Notice how I always sign off these columns? There's a certain word I tend to use...

Excelsior!

Stan

Stan Lee

HYPE BOX

Rogue's past comes back to haunt her in the ROGUE 4-issue Limited Series beginning this week, according to Associate Editor **Lisa Patrick**. The plot, which Lisa promised is "a lot of fun," has the head of the Assassins' Guild, Belladonna, seeking revenge on Rogue, because of the events of the Gambit Limited Series. Belladonna is looking for Rogue's weak spots, and she finds 'em: Cody (the comatose boy who Rogue kissed years ago) and Rogue's current love, Gambit! Thus begins a race against time for Rogue to save the two people she cares about the most!

The creative team for the ROGUE Limited Series is writer **Howard Mackie**, penciler **Mike Weiringo**, and inker **Terry Austin**. Lisa described the art for ROGUE as being "beautiful! It's very cool!" Although Rogue has been around for a few years, this is her very first Limited Series. Lisa noted that "Rogue has a lot of history. It's time for us to start exploring it."

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

In honor of Thanksgiving, our favorite Pilgrim-related holiday, we thought we'd ask a food question this month. The following query was posed to some of Marvel's best and brightest: *What kind of food do you eat when you read comic books?*

Joe Phillips (Penciler, SILVER SURFER): I like to drink Snapple!

Mort Todd (Editor, MARVEL MUSIC): Dry Captain Crunch cereal, right out of the box.

Nancy Poletti (Assistant Editor, BEST OF MARVEL 1994): Beefaroni is good food!

Dave Taylor (Penciler, FORCE WORKS): My favorite snack is peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Sometimes the jelly drips onto the comic book page, and it can really enhance the artwork!

Tom Daning (Associate Editor, PRINCE VALIANT): Usually I don't eat while I read my comic books. Usually, it's quite the opposite!

Mike Lackey (Editor, REN & STIMPY): I don't read comics!

Tom Grindberg (Penciler, DAREDEVIL): Tostitos and salsa. And after that, Edie's Tin Roof Ice Cream!

Glenn Herdling (Writer, BLACKWULF): When I read DC's, I eat pizza. When I read Marvels, I wear gloves!

Janice Chiang (Letterer, THUNDERSTRIKE): I eat all my meals reading comic books!

"Professor" James Felder (Assistant editor, BLAZE): I like eating greasy food when I read comic books! It's cool because it leaves these really weird stains on the paper, and you can see through to the next page!

Richard Ashford (Editor, CONAN): I usually drink tea, but I avoid sticky buns!

John Ostrander (Writer, BISHOP Limited Series): If you're going to be traditional, one should read a comic with a glass of milk and chocolate chip cookies!

Tim Tuohy (Editor, REN & STIMPY QUARTERLY): Breakfast cereal. I like Coco Krispies with chocolate milk, because I can't wait for the milk to turn chocolatey!

NOW ON SALE

- ☐ **AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #397:** What has six arms and wants to kill Spidey? By DeMatteis/Bagley/Mahlstedt!
- ☐ **BARBIE #48:** You'll be thankful for some tasty Thanksgiving stories! By Slate/Wilshire!
- ☐ **BEAVIS & BUTT-HEAD TPB: TRASHCAN EDITION:** The [illegible] stories/art By Ricko "the Sicko" Parker!
- ☐ **BISHOP #2 OF 4:** Bishop must climb **Mount Joy** — correction, must stop Mountjoy! By Ostrander/Pacheco/C. Smith!
- ☐ **BLACKWULF #3:** Trapped on an [illegible] ravaged by **Tantalus**! By Herdling/Medina/Anderson!
- ☐ **CONAN CLASSIC #6:** Gargantuan gila monsters! No, that's not a new grunge band! By Thomas/Windsor-Smith/Sutton!
- ☐ **CONAN SAGA #94:** Dinosaur or not — it's [illegible]! By Thomas/Buscema/Chan!
- ☐ **GENERATION X DELUXE #3: Penance** must be penalized! By Lobdell/Bachalo/Buckingham!
- ☐ **GHOST RIDER #37:** When **Wolverine** shows up — can the **Ghost Rider** be far behind? By Mackie/Larroca/Mela!
- ☐ **GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY #56:** It's time to elect a new leader! By Gallagher/West/Montano!
- ☐ **HULK 2099 #2:** It's Hulk vs. **Draco** in the battle for Hollywood [illegible]! By Jones/M. Davis/Ivy!
- ☐ **THE LITTLE MERMAID #5:** When Ariel takes **Aunt Crustacea** sightseeing — look out! By Robbins/Corzon/Hunt!
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- ☐ **NIGHTMARE #2 OF 4:** Nightmare quits his day job, and **Exile** takes over! By Nocenti/Bennett/Witherby!
- ☐ **NIGHT THRASHER #18:** Fighting alongside the **Black Panther** in Africa! By Buslek/Nichols/Rubinstein et. al.!
- ☐ **PUNISHER WAR ZONE #35:** Frank dives into the **River of Blood**! By Dixon/J. Kubert!
- ☐ **RAVAGE 2099 #26:** It's a [illegible] showdown — and may the Beast-Man win! By [illegible] & Skinner/Bennett/Adams!
- ☐ **ROGUE #1 OF 4:** The mega-popular [illegible] in her very first [illegible] series! By Mackie/Weiringo/Austin!
- ☐ **SECRET DEFENDERS #23:** A mystery magician is assembling his own team of [illegible]! By Brevoort & Kanterovich/Wyke/DeZuniga!
- ☐ **SILVER SABLE #32: [illegible]** hijacks a train — and Sable is pregnant! By Wright/Purcell/Eklund!
- ☐ **ULTRA X-MEN COLLECTION #2 OF 5:** From painted cards to painted comics!
- ☐ **WAR MACHINE #10: Iron Man & Force Works** lend a hand against the **Mandarin**! By Kaminski & Bensory/Gecko/Eklund!
- ☐ **WOLVERINE DELUXE #80:** Wolvie bangs skulls with **Ghost Rider**! [illegible] Hama/Kubert/Farmer!
- ☐ **X-FACTOR DELUXE #110: Lila Cheney** returns! What will Guido do? By Dezago/Duursema/Milgrom!
- ☐ **X-MEN ADVENTURES SEASON II #12:** Time for a trip to the **Savage Land**! By Macchio/Hebert/Adams!
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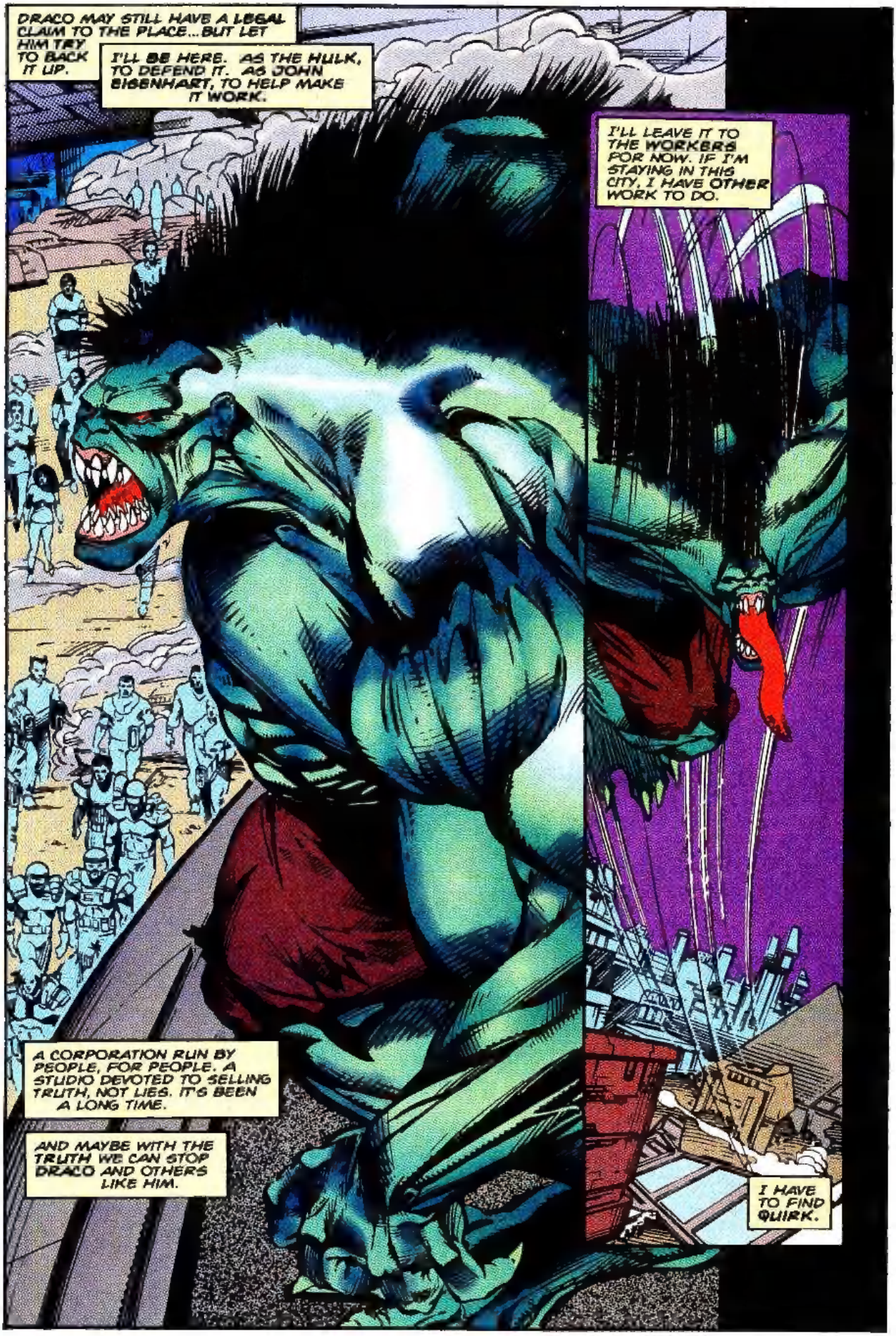
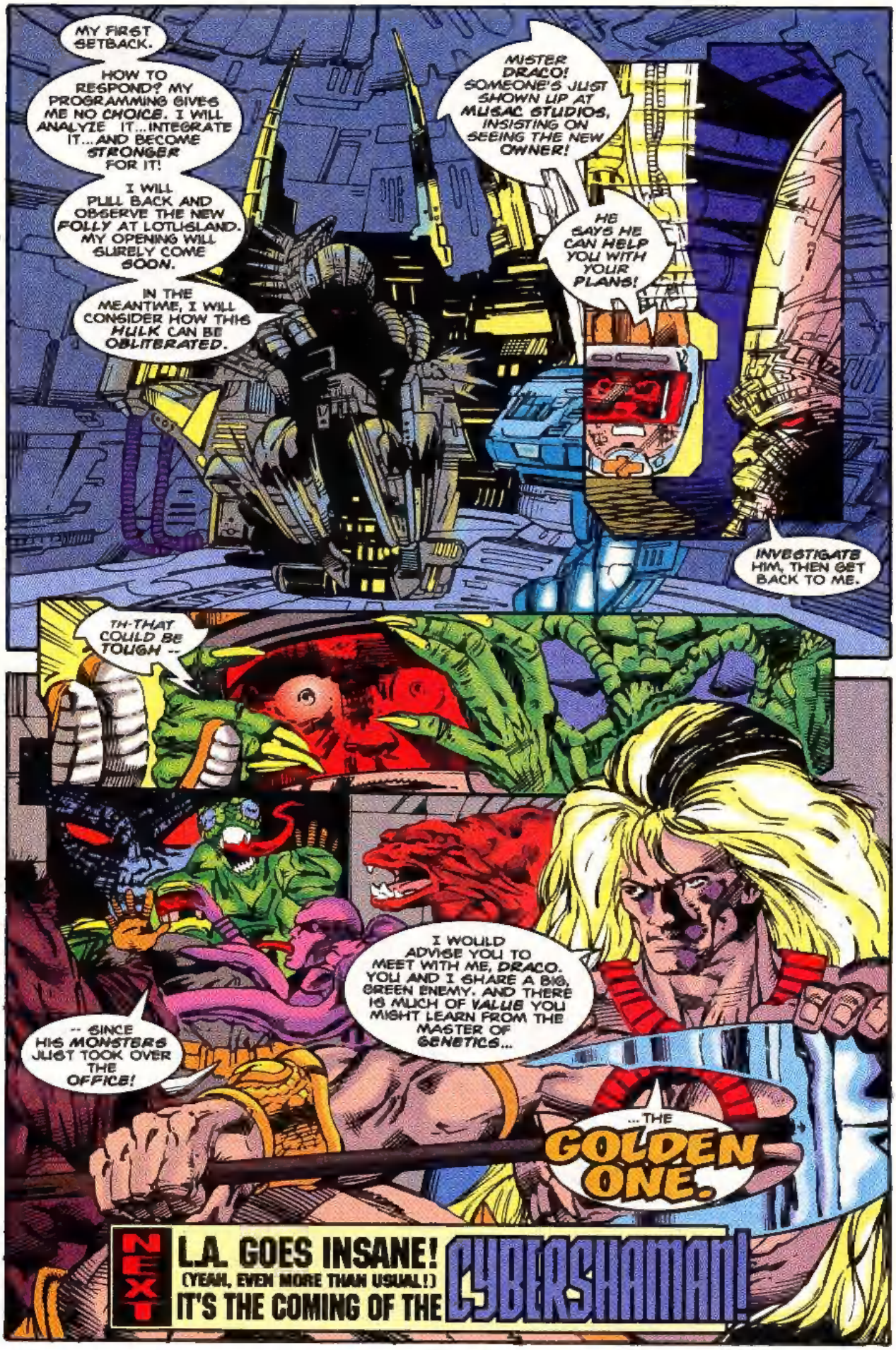
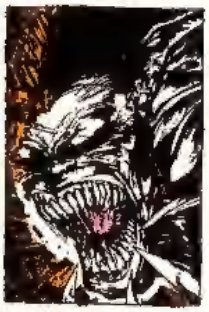

DRACO MAY STILL HAVE A LEGAL CLAIM TO THE PLACE...BUT LET HIM TRY TO BACK IT UP.
I'LL BE HERE. AS THE HULK, TO DEFEND IT. AS JOHN EISENHART, TO HELP MAKE IT WORK.
A CORPORATION RUN BY PEOPLE, FOR PEOPLE. A STUDIO DEVOTED TO SELLING TRUTH, NOT LIES. IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME.
AND MAYBE WITH THE TRUTH WE CAN STOP DRACO AND OTHERS LIKE HIM.
I'LL LEAVE IT TO THE WORKERS FOR NOW. IF I'M STAYING IN THIS CITY, I HAVE OTHER WORK TO DO.
I HAVE TO FIND QUIRK.


MY FIRST SETBACK.
HOW TO RESPOND? MY PROGRAMMING GIVES ME NO CHOICE. I WILL ANALYZE IT...INTEGRATE IT...AND BECOME STRONGER FOR IT!
I WILL PULL BACK AND OBSERVE THE NEW FOLLY AT LOTUSLAND. MY OPENING WILL SURELY COME SOON.
IN THE MEANTIME, I WILL CONSIDER HOW THIS HULK CAN BE OBLITERATED.
MISTER DRACO! SOMEONE'S JUST SHOWN UP AT MUSAC STUDIOS, INSISTING ON SEEING THE NEW OWNER!
HE SAYS HE CAN HELP YOU WITH YOUR PLANS!
INVESTIGATE HIM, THEN GET BACK TO ME.
TH-THAT COULD BE TOUGH --
-- SINCE HIS MONSTERS JUST TOOK OVER THE OFFICE!
I WOULD ADVISE YOU TO MEET WITH ME, DRACO. YOU AND I SHARE A BIG, GREEN ENEMY. AND THERE IS MUCH OF VALUE YOU MIGHT LEARN FROM THE MASTER OF GENETICS...
...THE GOLDEN ONE.
NEXT
L.A. GOES INSANE! (YEAH, EVEN MORE THAN USUAL!)
IT'S THE COMING OF THE CYBERSHAMAN!

TONGUE LASHINGS



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Out Of My Head

Welcome to Lotusland! Here at 2099, we've gone Kalifornia!

I'm cellular-faxing this to Lia from the champagne-and-piranha-stocked pool. I'm seeing a new therapist to help me get over my free-floating New York hostility. My prescription has changed faster and more often than the executive phone list at Disney. My diet's restricted to Evian and sashimi carved to look like Hostess Sno-Balls. My virtual gym allows me to ski in the Vienna Alps with Gustave Klimt and Sarah Bernhardt without leaving the office. I'm working on a screenplay about my near-death experience due to caffeine withdrawal entitled "Sing Sweet and Low, Sweet Chariot." I'm having my comic book collection airlifted to the Beverly Hills Hotel. I complain loudly about the lack of decent pastrami like the rest of us transplanted Kalifornians. I have a wardrobe consultant who matches my necktie and tasseled loafers to my Porsche and helps me avoid gang colors. I'm taking lunch with Oliver Stone about that PUNISHER 2099 movie. Whaddaya think, Juliette Lewis as Vendetta? Bobcat Goldthwait as Matt Axel? Talking car or no talking car? I've become the fully-realized, career-driven, spiritually-reawakened Renaissance Man I've always striven to become. In short, I'm Fabian Nicieza.

I'm lousing up Gerry Jones' opportunities to do all these jokes. He was in NYC this week, and we got to nail down the whole year's worth of continuity on HULK 2099. Twelve months of unrestrained West Coast wildness with a literal smash finish come December. More supporting cast members, more villains and more perplexing plot twists, engineered to, at the very least, make our peerless penciler, Malcolm Davis, one happy individual.

Gerry will be back for 2099 Writers' Summit III, wherein he, Pat 'n' Tony, Peter, John, some surprise guests, Matt, Lia and myself will go out of our way to reconfigure our little corner of the Exploding Plastic Inevitable Marvel Space-Time Continuum in a major way. I'll keep you posted.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO *DIDN'T* COME IN LATE...

Welcome back. Our snotty contest from last issue is still in effect. So get those entries in now. Or don't, and we keep the prizes.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO CAME IN LATE ...

Just in case you found this magazine on an airplane or in a hair salon or in the vault of a sunken submarine or clutched in Akhenaton's mummified fingers, you ought to know that we publish some other fine titles all set in the year A.D. 2099 (that's *Appreciably Demented*). Here are just some of 'em.

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